

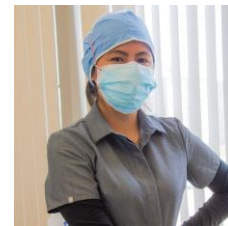
## COVID-19 Update

**Thursday, May 28, 2020**

In this COVID-19 alert, a **health care hero and respiratory therapist** who survived the virus and came back to care for others, 8 things to know about the City's Test & Trace Corps, a **Modern Healthcare Magazine front page** and story about how work and home stress from the pandemic is weighing heavily on health care industry's predominantly female workforce.

### **Hero of the Day: Respiratory Therapist Beats COVID-19, Returns to Help Others**

Throughout this pandemic, Respiratory Therapists like Alexandra Vazquez of NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull have played a vital role in helping COVID-19 patients who suffered serious respiratory issues and needed intubations, endoscopies and mechanical ventilators. Though she contracted the virus, it didn't slow her down. She isolated to protect others, fully recovered and came right back to work. "I love the "Clap Because We Care" moment at 7 p.m. every night," she says. "I was at home one day when they clapped, and it made me feel really good and brought tears to my eyes. I felt like people cared and appreciated the work we're doing." [Read her Insider Health Care Hero profile.](#)



### **8 Things to Know about the NYC Test & Trace Corps**

NYC Health + Hospitals will lead the City's plan to test and trace every case of COVID-19 to prevent spread of the virus so New Yorkers can get back to school, work and leading their lives. "The Test & Trace Corps will allow us to expand testing capacity, trace the most vulnerable to serious impact of the virus, improve on isolation for symptomatic people and strive to suppress outbreaks whenever they might arise," says Dr. Katz. Meet the leadership team and learn more about the three pillars of the program. [8 things to know.](#)

## On the Cover and "Bearing the Brunt"

This week's Modern Healthcare Magazine front cover features Dr. Bonny Barron an emergency department physician at NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County for a story about how work and home stress from the pandemic is weighing heavily on health care industry's predominantly female workforce. The story also mentions the support we offer through the Helping Healers Heal program, and includes Dr. Ma Carla Angela Evangelista of NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln and Nick Cagliuso who heads our Emergency Response work. [Click here to view the Modern Healthcare Magazine story.](#)



## In the News

- [News12 Brooklyn](#) - Brooklyn Hospital Has Mental Health Experts on Hand to Help Staff Suring Crisis
- [Queens Latino](#) - Doctor latino enfrentó crisis en Elmhurst Hospital (Latino Doctor Confronts Crisis in Elmhurst Hospital)
- [MarketWatch](#) - New York City Hires More Than 1,700 Contact Tracers to Combat COVID-19
- [Greenpoint Star](#) - Woodhull Hospital Meets Challenge of COVID-19 Pandemic

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### Other resources:

[Health Care Heroes page](#)

[Evidence Digest](#)

[NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 Guidance & Resources](#)

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